



# Youth Voice in Local Government

**YOUTH—**  
Apply today to serve as a  
voting member  
on a citizen committee  
(application form enclosed)

**Opportunities for Youth to Serve  
on Local Government Committees**



Environment  
Transit  
Technology

Community  
Committees

A project of the Intergovernmental Youth Asset Committee



Youth are important community stakeholders. Therefore, youth slots have been created on local government citizen committees.

Youth terms are by application and selection, renewable each year. Youth in grades 9-12 are eligible to serve. All applicants must reside in their perspective jurisdiction; or must attend the Mankato Area Public Schools to participate on one of their committees.

apply today

COMPLETE AND MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

Youth Voice in Local Government  
1401 South Riverfront Drive  
Mankato, MN 56001

Or apply on-line at:

**North Mankato**  
**[www.northmankato.com](http://www.northmankato.com)**

**625-4141**

**Mankato**  
**[www.ci.mankato.mn.us](http://www.ci.mankato.mn.us)**

**387-8607**

**Mankato Area Public Schools**  
**[www.isd77.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd77.k12.mn.us)**

**387-3017**

**Blue Earth County**  
**[www.co.blue-earth.mn.us](http://www.co.blue-earth.mn.us)**

**389-8284**

**Nicollet County**  
**[www.co.nicollet.mn.us](http://www.co.nicollet.mn.us)**

**931-6800**

# City of Mankato, Minnesota

For more information on City of Mankato Committees  
contact the City Clerk at 387-8607.  
Email: [clerk@city.mankato.mn.us](mailto:clerk@city.mankato.mn.us)



## Environmental Committee

Appointed by the Mankato City Council, advisory to the Mankato City Manager and the Mankato City Council:  
The primary function of the Environmental Committee is to review each public and private project in environmentally sensitive areas and consider the environmental impacts of the project.

## Mass Transit Advisory Committee

Appointed by the Mankato City Council, advisory to the Mankato City Manager and the Mankato City Council:  
The Mass Transit Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the City Council on the city bus system. This includes bus schedule changes and services, revenues and expenditures, and the special needs of various users of the city bus system.

## Planning Commission

Appointed by the Mankato City Council, advisory to the Mankato City Manager and the Mankato City Council:  
The Planning Commission's primary function is to evaluate proposed planning and zoning requests. This includes variances from the city code, conditional use permits and rezoning applications. Other responsibilities include subdivision review, review of proposed ordinance changes, and assisting in updating the comprehensive plan.

## Traffic and Safety Committee

Appointed by and advisory to the Mankato City Manager and the Mankato City Council:  
The primary function of the Traffic and Safety Committee is to review requests for stop sign placement, traffic signal lights, etc. It is an internal committee to discuss and evaluate technical concerns related to public requests or traffic and safety changes initiated by staff. Mankato Area Public Schools also has a staff representative on this committee.

## Appointments Committee

Appointed by the Mankato City Council, advisory to the Mankato City Manager and the Mankato City Council.  
The primary function of the Appointment Committee is to recruit, screen, select, and recognize citizens on Mankato committees.

## Intergovernmental Youth Assets Committee

Elected officials and staff representing the cities of Mankato and North Mankato, the counties of Blue Earth and Nicollet, and the Mankato Area Public Schools.

The primary function of the Intergovernmental Youth Assets Committee is to discover and implement methods that governmental units can use to develop assets in youth.

Youth Voice in Local Government is overseen by the committee.

For more information, contact the Public Information Office for the City of Mankato  
and Mankato Area Public Schools at 507-387-8516.  
[cmpi@city.mankato.mn.us](mailto:cmpi@city.mankato.mn.us)

extension committee  
Typically meets quarterly, St. Peter.

nicollet county health  
advisory board  
Typically meets several times each year on an as needed basis,  
St. Peter.

park board  
Typically meets annually, St. Peter.

INTERNET ACCESS  
[www.co.nicollet.mn.us](http://www.co.nicollet.mn.us)

## City of North Mankato, Minnesota

For more information on North Mankato City Committees  
contact the City Clerk at 625-4141.  
Email: [nancyg@northmankato.com](mailto:nancyg@northmankato.com)



### Board of Review

Appointed by the North Mankato City Council, advisory to the North Mankato City Council.  
The primary function of the Board of Review is to accept inquiries from property owners regarding the Assessor's dollar value that has been assigned to their property for the purpose of taxation. The Board of Review makes recommendations to the Nicollet County Board of Review regarding potential adjustments in Assessor's value of each person's property.

### Traffic and Safety Committee

Appointed by the North Mankato City Council, advisory to the North Mankato City Council.  
The primary function of the Traffic and Safety Committee is to make recommendations to the City Council regarding traffic and safety issues including: traffic patterns, street signs, speed limits and crosswalks.

### All Seasons Arena

Appointed by the North Mankato City Council, advisory to the North Mankato City Council.  
The primary function of the All Seasons Arena Committee (made up of the funding units) is to determine the operating budget and policy making concerning All Seasons Arena.



## south central children's project local advisory committee

Typically meets monthly,  
Blue Earth County Government Center, Mankato.

INTERNET ACCESS

[www.co.blue-earth.mn.us/](http://www.co.blue-earth.mn.us/)

## community corrections advisory board

Typically meets bimonthly,  
Blue Earth County Government Center, Mankato.

## extension committee

Typically meets bimonthly,  
Blue Earth County Government Center, Mankato.

## recycling education committee

Typically meets monthly,  
Blue Earth County Government Center, Mankato.

## environmental services advisory committee

Typically meets monthly,  
Blue Earth County Government Center, Mankato.

## Mankato Area Public Schools

For more information on Mankato Area Public Schools' Committees  
contact the Superintendent's Office at 387-1868.

Email: [maps@isd77.k12.mn.us](mailto:maps@isd77.k12.mn.us)



### Anti Violence/Drug Committee

Appointed by and advisory to the Mankato Area Public School Board.

The committee is composed of school personnel, county/city representatives from law enforcement, rehabilitation agencies, post secondary educational institutions and local health agencies.

The purpose of the committee is to coordinate services to area students and families in the prevention of illegal chemical use and support in resolving conflict in non-violent ways.

### District Media Advisory Committee

Appointed by and advisory to the Mankato Area Public School Board.

This committee is made up of approximately 20 people including school board members, administrators, media specialists, district media staff, teachers, students, parents and community members.

The major responsibilities of the committee include: long-range planning and goals, setting the media/technology department's yearly objectives, creating budgeting formulas and procedures, and reviewing building technology plans and policies.

### Gifted and Talented Committee

Appointed by and advisory to the Mankato Area Public School Board.

This committee's tasks include:

- ✕ Advocate the needs of gifted students.
- ✕ Design gifted identification policy and procedures.
- ✕ Define gifted program expectations.
- ✕ Articulate gifted education criteria.
- ✕ Advise Gifted Education Director.

### Transportation Committee

Appointed by and advisory to the Mankato Area Public School Board.

Committee purposes:

- ✕ Review and recommend changes/additions to District 77 Transportation Policies.
- ✕ Review school bus curriculum and school bus safety procedures relating to the transportation of students.
- ✕ Review discipline procedures and guidelines for students on school buses or at bus stops.
- ✕ Develop budget for the expenditure of student transportation safety revenue.
- ✕ Review requests for school starting time/dismissal changes.
- ✕ Review requests for additional transportation services.
- ✕ Review long-range transportation plans.

### Legislative Committee

Appointed by and advisory to the Mankato Area Public School Board.

Committee purposes:

- ✕ Annually develop a legislative agenda relating to issues affecting Mankato Area Public Schools.
- ✕ Communicate legislative platform to area legislators, community, and staff.
- ✕ Monitor legislative information during the legislative session.
- ✕ Testify before the Legislature on legislative platform proposals.
- ✕ Annually host a meeting with area legislators.

## human services advisory committee

Typically meets monthly,  
Blue Earth County Government Center, Mankato.

## social services task force

Typically meets monthly,  
Blue Earth County Government Center, Mankato.

## mental health task force

Typically meets the monthly,  
Blue Earth County Government Center, Mankato.

## community health task force

Typically meets monthly,  
Blue Earth County Government Center, Mankato.

## south central children's project children's cabinet

Typically meets monthly,  
Blue Earth County Government Center, Mankato.

INTERNET ACCESS

[www.co.blue-earth.mn.us/](http://www.co.blue-earth.mn.us/)

## Blue Earth County Mankato, Minnesota

For more information on Blue Earth County Committees contact the Blue Earth County Commissioner's Office at 389-8491. Email: [info@co.blue-earth.mn.us](mailto:info@co.blue-earth.mn.us)



### BLUE EARTH COUNTY

#### Human Services Advisory Committee

Appointed by the Blue Earth County Commissioners, advisory to the Blue Earth County Commissioners. This committee is authorized in law to fulfill specific responsibilities in relation to a County's operation of its Human Services programs. The purpose of the committee is to provide input to the County Board relating to service developments, priorities, budgeting and evaluation within the Human Services Department. This includes the program areas of mental health, community health, social services and financial assistance.

#### Social Services Task Force

Appointed by the Blue Earth County Commissioners, advisory to the Blue Earth County Commissioners. This group is authorized as part of the Human Services Act which provides partial definition of how services will be provided in Blue Earth County. Members of this task force provide community input on policies and services related to child protection, child and adult foster care, adoption, family based services, vulnerable adult/adult protection, family day care licensing, developmental disabilities, child care funding, sexual violence and chemical dependency.

#### Mental Health Task Force

Appointed by the Blue Earth County Commissioners, advisory to the Blue Earth County Commissioners. This group is authorized by the Adult and Children's Mental Health Acts in Minnesota statutes and has specific responsibilities to fulfill as they advise the County Board. Members of this task force provide community input on policies, treatment and services related to individual needs such as personal adjustment, marital adjustment, parent-child relationships, child and adolescent therapy, problems associated with aging, legal commitments and aftercare as well as case management for persons with serious and persistent mental illness.

#### Community Health Task Force

Appointed by the Blue Earth County Commissioners, advisory to the Blue Earth County Commissioners. This group is authorized by state law to advise the local Board of Health on a broad range of issues. Members of this task force provide community input on policies and services related to health issues broadly affecting the community and sub-populations such as children, adolescents, and adults. This includes such activities as health education, school health, home health and home health care, immunizations, and communicable disease control.

#### South Central Children's Project Children's Cabinet

Appointed by the Blue Earth County Commissioners, advisory to the Children's Project Joint Powers Board. The Children's Cabinet is made up of administrators and parents from the school districts and counties participating in the family service collaborative. Each school district and each county appoint a representative. There are also parent and provider representatives. The cabinet develops procedures, provides fiscal oversight and policy recommendations. The group focuses more on what needs to be done than how to do something.



## anti violence/drug committee

Typically meets monthly, Intergovernmental Center, Mankato.

## district media advisory committee

Typically meets four times per year.  
West High School Annex, Mankato.

## gifted and talented committee

Typically meets three times each year,  
Intergovernmental Center, Mankato.

## transportation committee

Typically meets three times per year,  
Intergovernmental Center, Mankato.

## legislative committee

Typically meets monthly, starting in November,  
or may be more frequent on an as needed basis  
through each legislative session.  
Dates, times, locations to be determined.

INTERNET ACCESS

[www.isd77.k12.mn.us/](http://www.isd77.k12.mn.us/)

The following committees are appointed by each school principal and typically meet three to four times each year to be determined at the beginning of each school year:

### Middle School Student Advisory Committee

Appointed by Middle School Principal, advisory to the Mankato Area Public School Board. Committee members meet with Mankato Area Public School Board members to provide input and feedback on issues that affect Mankato Area Public Schools' Middle School Students.

NOTE: To apply for this committee call the principal at your school:  
Dakota Meadows Middle School—387-5077  
East Junior High School—345-6625  
Central Middle School—387-2794

### High School Advisory Committee

Appointed by High School Principal, advisory to the Mankato Area Public School Board. Committee members meet with Mankato Area Public School Board members to provide input and feedback on issues that affect Mankato Area Public Schools' High School Students.

NOTE: To apply for this committee call the principal at your school:  
Central High School—387-3047  
East High School—387-5671  
West High School—387-3461

*Blue Earth County continued*

### South Central Children's Project Local Advisory Committee

Appointed by the Blue Earth County Commissioners, advisory to the South Central Children's Project. The Advisory Committee meets periodically with Project staff, community service providers, parents and interested people to determine how services can be most effective/useful to children and families. These meetings are more focused on how to do things than what needs to be done. Participants receive information from Project staff members as well as providing information to Project Staff.

### Community Corrections Advisory Board

Appointed by the Blue Earth County Commissioners, advisory to the Blue Earth County Commissioners. The Corrections Advisory Board gives advice, review programs, and makes recommendations on Corrections Programs that serve the citizens of Blue Earth County, i.e probation. This Advisory Committee is responsible for writing the annual comprehensive corrections plan for Blue Earth County. The Committee consists of citizen members and some mandated professional members. Statutory reference is Minnesota Statutes 401.08

### Extension Committee

Appointed by the Blue Earth County Commissioners, advisory to the Blue Earth County Commissioners. The Extension Committee has four main responsibilities: program development and evaluation, budget recommendations, staff hiring and evaluation, and promotion of the Extension program. The Extension program is an informal educational outreach program of the University of Minnesota, in partnership with Blue Earth County. Some of the audiences include: farm families and businesses, youth (4-H, community clubs and others), consumers, limited resource families, and horticulturalists.

### Recycling Education Committee

Appointed by the Blue Earth County Commissioners, advisory to the Blue Earth County Commissioners. The Recycling Education Committee makes recommendations and helps implement recycling and waste reduction programs in Blue Earth County. During these meetings action plans are made for projects, displays and presentations. Committee members also participate in events such as parades, school presentations, Earth Day, County Fair, home shows, etc.

### Environmental Services Advisory Committee

Appointed by the Blue Earth County Commissioners, advisory to the Blue Earth County Commissioners. The Environmental Services Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations on Environmental Services issues. This committee works to identify community environmental needs, assists in the development of goals and policies, reviews state and federal regulations to assess the potential effect on the county, and acts as a resource for public contact regarding environmental matters.

# Nicollet County, Minnesota

For more information on Nicollet County Committees contact the Nicollet County Coordinator at 931-6800.  
Email: nicollet@co.nicollet.mn.us



## board of review

Typically meets in April or May each year, North Mankato.

## traffic and safety

Meets as needed—approximately twice each year, North Mankato.

## all seasons arena

Typically meets monthly, All Seasons Arena, Mankato.

## planning commission

Typically meets monthly, City Hall Council Chambers, North Mankato.

INTERNET ACCESS

[www.northmankato.com](http://www.northmankato.com)

### Extension Committee

Appointed by the Nicollet County Commissioners, advisory to the Nicollet County Commissioners. The Extension Committee reviews extension programs. The Extension Program is an informal educational outreach program of the University of Minnesota in partnership with Nicollet County. Some of the audiences include farm families, businesses, youth (4-H and others), consumers, limited resource families, and gardeners. For information about this committee, talk to your 4-H advisor.

### Nicollet County Health Advisory Board

Appointed by the Nicollet County Commissioners, advisory to the Nicollet County Commissioners. The Nicollet County Health Advisory Board gives recommendations on public health efforts in the county i.e. nursing, health education, school health, communicable diseases, etc.

### Park Board

Appointed by the Nicollet County Commissioners, advisory to the Nicollet County Commissioners. Work with youth from local saddle clubs to fix up parking area for horse trailers and hitching posts. Anyone interested in outdoor activity or parks is encouraged to apply for this committee.



environmental committee

Typically meets monthly, Intergovernmental Center,  
Minnesota Valley Room (second floor), Mankato.

mass transit advisory committee

Typically meets monthly, Intergovernmental Center,  
Minnesota Valley Room (second floor), Mankato.

INTERNET ACCESS

www.ci.mankato.mn.us

planning commission

Typically meets monthly, Intergovernmental Center,  
Minnesota River Room (first floor), Mankato.

traffic and safety committee

Typically meets monthly, Intergovernmental Center,  
Minnesota Valley Room (second floor), Mankato.

Youth Voice in Local Government - Application to Serve

Your input will make a difference. Apply today! Training will be provided.

Name of Committee/Board/Commission \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete an application for each committee you may want to apply for.

Serves (select one):

- ☐ City of Mankato (387-8607)
- ☐ City of North Mankato (625-4141)
- ☐ Blue Earth County (389-8284)
- ☐ Nicollet County (931-6800)
- ☐ Mankato Area Public Schools (387-3017)

SECTION 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly tell us why you want to serve and/or continue to serve on this committee:

SECTION 2

List any special background or experience you have which would be helpful to this committee:

List any service organizations you have or are currently serving on:

Is there any concern about getting out of school/work to attend meetings?

Are you able to meet at the assigned meeting times? List any conflicts. (e.g.: transportation issues)

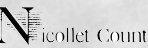
As a participant, I realize that such a privilege involves certain responsibilities. I have read and understand these responsibilities and further understand that if my conduct does not meet these standards, I relinquish the right to serve.

Youth Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned parent/guardian, do hereby give permission for my child to be appointed as a member of \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and return to:  
Youth Voice in Local Government  
1401 South Riverfront Drive  
Mankato, MN 56001  
345-9809



Application to Serve